GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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UTILISATION OF INFRASTRUCTURE AT AIRPORTS
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that there is an uneven distribution in the flow of traffic resulting in pressure on infrastructure at certain airports and a massive under-utlization of the existing infrastructure in other airports; and

(b) if so, the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government for the proper utilization of infrastructure at airports, especially the International Airport at Delhi and Kolkata?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In order to disperse traffic, the number of International airports has been increased from five in the year 2000 to seventeen at present. The capacity of Delhi and Kolkata airports is being enhanced to meet the growing traffic demand. In addition, 35 non-metro airports are also being modernised and expanded to handle additional traffic.